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# California Action Plan for Reintegration

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## Financial Assistance for Veterans

### Operation Helping HEAL Inc

Our primary goal is to provide stop-gap assistance to United States veterans and service members who experience unforeseeable, temporary and undue hardship for reasons generally beyond their control. The veterans' or service members' needs would generally arise from unreasonable gaps in the receipt of pay or benefits justly due the veteran or service member as a direct result of his or her service to the United States.

In order to serve as many United States veterans and service members as possible, Operation Helping HEAL, Inc., is not intended to be a long-term source of income or services to any individual. Qualified persons having repetitive financial hardships or a need for ongoing services will be referred to an appropriate agency for such challenges.

In order to find further information and qualification guidelines go to  
<http://www.helpingheal.org/assistance-guidelines.htm>

### Unmet Needs Program

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that relies on public donations. The VFW and its Foundation have the same commitment: to improve the lives of veterans and service personnel, their families and their communities. The VFW Foundation's mission is to support programs to increase awareness of the sacrifices of America's veterans; to promote citizenship education, volunteerism and positive youth programs; and to provide aid for veterans and their families in need of medical, rehabilitative, educational and employment services. With the help of corporate sponsors like Vermont American, the VFW Foundation receives funding to establish, administer and promote the Unmet Needs Program. For further information on how to go about applying for this program go to:  
<http://www.unmetneeds.com/ApplyForAssistance.aspx>

## **The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes**

Created to provide a way for individuals, corporations and others to help our severely wounded and disabled Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans and their families rebuild their lives.

[www.saluteheroes.org](http://www.saluteheroes.org)

## **ReserveAid**

ReserveAid is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to providing financial support to the families of Reserve Service Members from all services, who have been called to active duty and are experiencing financial difficulty. Our goal is to alleviate the emotional and financial burdens placed on the men and women called to serve our country by supporting their families at home.

[www.reserveaid.org](http://www.reserveaid.org)

## **USA Together**

At USA Together, our mission is to use the power of the Internet to help the men and women of the US military who have suffered life-altering injuries in service to their country. By publishing specific needs for goods, financial assistance and services, we hope to connect injured service members and their families with those who are willing and able to assist them.

[www.usatogether.org](http://www.usatogether.org)

## **Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents**

Updated annually by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the publication *Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents* contains information about education and training benefits available to veterans and eligible dependents. [VA Pamphlet 80-02-1, 114 pages, Stock Number 051-000-00225-3.]

The booklet may be obtained free of charge from VA hospitals or regional offices. To request a copy, visit your nearest VA facility, call 1-800-827-1000 or write to Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Public Affairs (80D), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. It is also available for download free at <http://www.va.gov/pubaff/fedben/Fedben.pdf> from the VA's web site.

The publication can also be purchased for \$5.00 (\$6.25, international customers) from the US Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, PO Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954.

It is also available online at

[http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic\\_text/fed\\_prog/va\\_benefits/index.htm](http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/cic_text/fed_prog/va_benefits/index.htm) from the Consumer Information Center (CIC).

## **Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)**

MOAA offers several educational assistance programs, including interest-free loans, grants and the American Patriot Scholarship. For more information, send email to [edassist@moaa.org](mailto:edassist@moaa.org).

## **ThanksUSA Scholarship Program**

ThanksUSA is a non-profit tax exempt charitable organization focused on (Members of the reserves who have been activated to full-time duty and federalized members of the National Guard are eligible.) Dependent children (including adopted and stepchildren) must be age 24 and under as of the deadline. The deadline is May 30. Recipients are selected based on financial need, academic performance, leadership and community service. A preference is given to students who have studied a foreign language. For more information, call 1-877-THX-USAS (1-877-849-8727), write to ThanksUSA Scholarship Program, Scholarship America, c/o Shellee Hintz, One Scholarship Way, PO Box 297, Saint Peter, MN 56082, or send email to [shintz@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:shintz@scholarshipamerica.org).

## **Military.com**

Has a good guide to state educational benefits for veterans and their dependents that can be found at:

[http://www.military.com/Education/Content?file=state\\_benefits.htm](http://www.military.com/Education/Content?file=state_benefits.htm)

## **ElderWeb**

A source of benefits that is often overlooked are benefits available to veterans and their surviving spouses. These benefits include pensions, payments for nursing home or home care, prescription drugs, reimbursement for the cost of adapting a home or car for a disability, and more.

If you are a veteran, or the surviving spouse of a veteran, you may be unaware that these types of benefits are available. However, figuring out what benefits you might be eligible for is best done by contacting the Veterans Benefits Administration because there are a confusing array of benefits which vary depending on income, time of service, whether or not the veteran has a service-related disability, and the type of disability they have. A sampling of benefits you might be eligible for include:

- **Veterans Pensions**
- **Medical Care Benefits**
- **Long Term Care Benefits**
- **Burial Benefits**
- **War Time Periods**

Further information on these benefits and how to apply for it can be found at:

<http://www.elderweb.com/home/node/2805>

## **California Military Family Relief Fund**

The California Military Family Relief Fund (CMFRF) was established to provide short term, financial assistance in the form of grants to California National Guard members and/or families impacted by mobilization and deployment who meet criteria listed below:

- Current member of the California National Guard in good standing.
- Current California resident.
- Deployment to active duty for at least 60 consecutive days in Title 10 USC status.
- Member's military salary has decreased by 10 percent or household income of member's family has decreased by at least 10 percent from income prior to deployment.

For further information on how to apply for this program go to their website at <http://www.calguard.ca.gov/j1/Pages/CMFRF.aspx>

## **Workforce Investment Board**

Financial Assistance for veterans seeking a job. Contact WIB at 1-707-863-3568 veteran's hotline. For direct contact call Jesse Stewart at 1-707-863-3555 or via email at [jstewart@solanowib.org](mailto:jstewart@solanowib.org).

## **VeteransPlus**

VeteransPlus is a membership-based organization devoted to improve the quality of life of its members, their families and their communities by providing unparalleled solutions that focus on financial security, wellness and caring for others. Our mission is to be the primary resource that Veterans, their families seek first when pursuing their economic goals. More than creating financial solutions, we add the unique capability of enabling non-profit partners to demonstrate their commitment and concern for America's Veterans.

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